





## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

We think the debate over Freddie Hanchey being an Elba police officer is over ... at least from the legal standpoint. Of course we expect the matter to be discussed off and on around the coffee shops and bridge tables for the next twenty years. We hate that the Elba taxpayers are going to have to pay the \$50,000 agreed upon in the settlement, but it could have been a lot worse. This was one of those times when the best solution (for the taxpayers) was a bitter-sweet pill. If all parties hadn't agreed on this settlement, then the matter would have gone to court and there ain't no telling what the cost would have been. Now we can set our sights on settlement of the other two cases. That may be possible and it may not be possible ... only time will tell. Whatever the outcome of these other two cases, Elba will be a long time in getting over the whole situation. The reputation of Elba being a town that pulled together to survive things like the 1990 flood ... gone down the river.

The long awaited ruling on former Governor Guy Hunt's appeal of his felony conviction has arrived. It wasn't what he wanted, 'cause the appeals court upheld the conviction, but it does get the pressure off Governor Folsom for a while at least. We expect Hunt's lawyers to appeal to a higher court, but the action this week puts in doubt any chance he will win at the Supreme Court level.

The Elba Christmas Festival last Saturday was well attended. We heard some craft sellers complaining they didn't sell as much as desired, but then there were a whole bunch of craft booths. The wind was a bit cold, but at least it wasn't raining.

The Brantley Bulldogs won the Class 1A football championship. We congratulate them for a job well done. There must always be a loser when there is a winner, but ain't it grand when you are the winner!

The case of the random shooting on the New York commuter train that killed several people and wounded a bunch more is surely a blow against strict gun control. That man reportedly bought his gun in California, which has strong gun control laws. He complied with the law, including the required waiting period, but still used the gun to kill innocent people.

It is nearly 'bout Christmas. If you haven't already bought my extra special gift, then money will do. We saw a news article recently which stated that giving cash was alright! There is one thing for sure ... if you give cash, it is the right color and is guaranteed to fit anyone - large or small, old or young. We have long marveled at the millions of neckties, bedroom slippers, etc. which are given as Christmas gifts and never get used, but that cash would definitely get used. Then on the flip side are those things given as gifts which a person would never buy for themselves. As a teenager almost 40 years ago, we were put out when mother gave a terrycloth robe for Christmas or birthday (or maybe because we were so nice, sweet and handsome). However, we still have (and use) that robe and would single handily launch WWII if anyone even suggested it was worn out.

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## ELBA POLICE REPORT

DEC. 7 THRU DEC. 13

The Elba Police Department, beginning Tuesday, December 7, 1993, investigated the following incidents: one forgery, three disorderly conducts, one burglary, one theft, one DUI, two criminal mischiefs, one harassment, one resisting arrest, and one assault.

The following arrests were made: one for sexual abuse, one for public intoxication, four for disorderly conduct, one for failure to appear, one for burglary, and two for resisting arrest.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one for driving while revoked, one for DUI, one for speeding, and one for driver's license required.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7** - Wreck at the intersection of Buford and Factory Streets (12:48 p.m.); Alarm at Elba High School (5:12 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Taylor Mill Rd. (5:17 p.m.); Alarm at Elba Elementary School (7:00 a.m.).

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8** - Rescue transfer from a residence to Elba General Hospital (10:18 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on U.S. Hwy. 84E (3:02 p.m.); Alarm at Elba Elementary School (6:05 p.m.); Alarm at Elba Elementary School (6:45 p.m.); Alarm at Ace Hardware (8:24 p.m.).

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9** - Wreck on AL Hwy. 166 at Kleiner's (2:58 a.m.); Rescue run from Elba General Hospital to a residence (10:50 a.m.); Routine activity.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10** - Wreck at Methodist Church (4:21 p.m.); Disturbance on Brunson St. (11:15 p.m.); Routine activity.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11** - Alarm at Elba High School (10:36 a.m.); Wreck in the Big Bear parking lot (4:37 p.m.); Disturbance at Mullins Apartments (9:00 p.m.).

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12** - Wreck on AL Hwy. 125N (9:45 a.m.); Rescue run to wreck on AL Hwy. 125N (9:45 a.m.); Fire truck dispatched to wreck on AL Hwy. 125N (9:57 a.m.); Shots fired at park in Mulberry (12:14 p.m.); Disturbance at Mullins Apts. (5:48 p.m.); Fight reported at residence on Old Samson Rd. (8:02 p.m.).

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 13** - Routine activity.

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## ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following persons admitted during the time period of December 7, 1993 through December 13, 1993:

They were: John Danley, Cornelius Reese, Beatrice Cain, Alvin Hurt, Ida Mae Hooks, Rhonda Langley, Wallace Hardy, Mary Danley, Tasha Tice, Michelle Harrison, Christopher Bryant, Louisa Harrelson, Sara Smith, Joshua Johnson, Ludyné Chandler, Courtney Richardson, Larry Erickson, Shawn Danley, John Tyre, Shirley Dorsey, Ed Marshall, Angella Thomas, Annice Campbell, Evelyn Bradshaw, Alto Rushing, Tasha Cooper, Olecie Taylor, Harold Barker, and Daniel Bowden.

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## Social & Community Happenings

### Elba Study Club Holds December Meeting

The Elba Study Club held its December meeting at the home of Mrs. Wayne Adkins with Mrs. M. O. Bruckner, Mrs. Edwin Cooper, Mrs. Richard Hobson, Mrs. Durrell Hudson, Mrs. P.H. Sellers, Mrs. Melvin Senn, and Mrs. W.F. Jarred joining in the festivities.

This meeting was a sharing of Christmas experiences from the past, stories, things made, etc. It was very enjoyable as the members shared some of their most memorable Christmases.

A business session followed.

MATTHEW RYAN GRIFFIS

### Mr. & Mrs. Mark Griffiths Announce Birth Of Baby Boy

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Griffiths (formerly Laura Archie) of Greenville, would like to announce the birth of their son, Matthew Ryan, born October 20, 1993. He weighed 8 lbs. 7 oz.

### Birth Announcement

MARA ELIZABETH ROBERTS

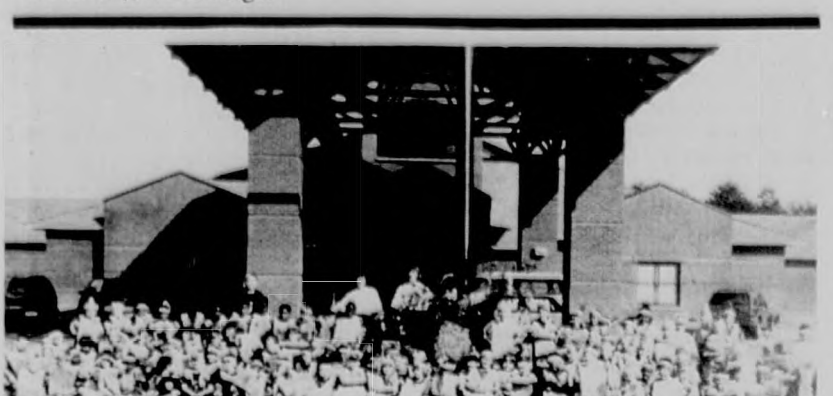
Mr. and Mrs. Russell S. Roberts announce the arrival of a baby girl, Mara Elizabeth, born December 10, 1993 at 10:55 A.M. Mara weighed 6 lbs. 12 oz. and was greeted by a brother, Hobson, and a sister, Tina, her mother is the former Tate Hobson.

Grandparents are Richard and Charlotte Hobson of Elba and Connie Roberts of Eclectic. The Roberts family live in Eclectic, AL.

### Mrs. Lloyd Crook Hosts Azalea Garden Club's December Meeting

The beautifully decorated home of Mrs. Lloyd Crook was the site of the Azalea Garden Club's December meeting.

Members attending were Mrs. Bill Brunson, Mrs. Walter Cox, Mrs. Lloyd Crook, Mrs. Jim Driscoll, Mrs. Robert Hoffman, Mrs. R. H. Lee, Mrs. V. D. McCreary, Mrs. Oscar Vaughan, and Mrs. W. Jimmy Wise.



CHEYENNE CATHERINE NELSON

### Mr. & Mrs. Nelson Announce Birth Of Baby Girl

Mickey and Cathy Nelson would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Cheyenne Catherine Nelson. She was born on September 24, 1993 at Flowers Hospital. She weighed 6 lbs. 9 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches.

Proud grandparents are Hasidell Nelson and Wallace and Earlene Rushing.

ELBA ELEMENTARY KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS STUDY IN DIANS... On a beautiful autumn afternoon, these kindergarten students and their teachers rallied around the fall scene in front of Elba Elementary School to display their Indian vests and headresses. The students had been studying the letter "v" and the history of the Indians, especially the first Thanksgiving.

Sandra Coffey-County Agent

## Yesterday's Christmas

The "country look" in decorating and restoring old homes is popular with many Alabama people. These were made into wreaths and roping for posts and staves. Roping was also wrapped around picture frames, Spanish moss and magnolia leaves were also used on walls and tablecloths.

It's easy to reproduce some of these decorations using materials you have or can find in your area.

**Pomander Balls** Pomander balls are decorative as well as fragrant. Hang the pomander on the Christmas tree, place them in a bowl or put them in a casket.

To make a pomander ball, push whole cloves into an apple until it is completely covered. Place the apple in a paper bag with ground cinnamon and citrus rind and shake it. When it's well coated put in a warm dry place. The kitchen is a good place, as you can enjoy the fragrance as it dries. It should be dry in about two weeks. As it dries, it shrinks. When it's thoroughly dry, wrap it with ribbon and trim.

**Paper Chains** Use a strong thread, a sharp needle and staple poppers. Fresh popcorn or dried corn cobs are good. String the popcorn or corn cobs onto the thread. When it's thoroughly dry, wrap it with ribbon and trim.

**Simple Link Chain** Use paper that's colored on one or both sides. You can add gold foil for a bright effect.

Cut strips of paper 4 inches long and 1 inch wide. Overlap and glue one end slightly over the other to form a link. Slip the next piece of paper under the link and glue it to form another link. Continue until the chain is the length you want it.

**Mustard Seed Foundation Senior Citizens Meet** The Senior Citizens met last Wednesday for their weekly meeting. Those present were: Doodle and Eavie Jirring, Sammie and Inez Wambles, Minnie Wambles, Louise Wambles, Mattie Wambles, Wally and Mary Seavey, Jenny Hussey, Elsie Crawford, Francis Shabo, Virgie Craft, Bud Goodson, Mattie Lou Goodson, Ruchina Blanton, Frank and Magdalene McCollough, Zeal and Evelyn Smith.

Members entertained themselves with games. We were pleased to welcome back Francis Shabo, after a long absence, and she sang some Christmas songs for the group. We were pleased to see some members who the previous week had not been well enough to attend, and to hear that there had been an excellent doctor's report on another member.

If you would like to attend the Wednesday meetings, and do not have transportation, please contact one of the helpers: Sheila Hain at 347-4630 or John and Margaret Bartlett at 897-6987. Everyone is welcome.

**Angela Hughes-County Agent**

**Tips On Quick & Easy Christmas Decorations**

Quick and Easy Christmas Decorations

"Tis a few days before Christmas and you don't have any decorations. Don't panic. You still have time to decorate your home for the holidays.

Use greenery and bows throughout the house. In the kitchen, fill a pitcher or bowl with branches and tie on some small bows. For the den, put some greenery in a basket with pine cones.

Let some branches extend from behind the top of your favorite picture hanging in the bedroom. Not only is the greenery attractive, but it will also make your house smell good.

Another easy way to decorate is to wrap empty boxes with colorful paper and bows. Place small packages together for a table decoration and large ones near a favorite chair or in the foyer.

Try turning a straw place mat into an attractive door or wall decoration. Wire a small piece of foam to the center of the mat. Insert greenery into the foam until it's covered, then add a bright bow.

**Gift Wrapping Hints** Nothing looks worse under a beautiful Christmas tree than a pile of lumpy, poorly wrapped packages. You should take the same care in wrapping Christmas gifts that you take in choosing them.

1. Assemble the wrapping papers, ribbons, scissors and a roll of tape. Before you begin wrapping presents, decide on a solid, flat surface. Cut the paper large enough for the package, allowing enough to go around the box and overlap about two inches. The paper should extend beyond the ends of the box no more than three-fourths of the depth.

2. Tape the lid to the box to prevent bulges and add firmness. Lay the box upside down on the paper, making sure you center the pattern so it is skewed to its best advantage.

3. Fold the paper neatly around the box and seal it with tape. Fold the end corners and seal them.

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### Schedule of Events Planned For Elba United Methodist Church

The Elba United Methodist Church schedule of special events are:

On December 19, 10:30 a.m., the Chancel Choir will be presenting the Cantata "BEYOND THE MANGER." Compiled entirely of arrangements of familiar Christmas carols. This work includes meaningful stories which help deepen the significance of the season.

I tell you, Nay; but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Silam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem? He tell you, Nay; but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

On December 19, 6:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall, a church wide Christmas Party will be held. The Joy Choir will be singing (ages 3 & 4) and the Carol Choir (ages K-2) will be presenting a play "THE CHRISTMAS STORY. AS IT OUGHT TO BE TOLD."

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### Round & About With Eria - 897-2006

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And Jesus answering said unto them, "Suppose ye that these Gallaecians, because they suffered such things?"

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Thinking of you, praying for you, Mrs. Rosie Daniels, Mr. John F. Phillips, Sr., Rev. Charles Jones, Mrs. Gussie Williams, Mrs. Estella Williams, Mrs. Cora Snell, Mr. Harold Lee, Mrs. Mary Jackson, Mr. Hayward Williams.

Christmas Program The Mulberry District Youth Department will be in charge of the Christmas program this year. All churches in the district are asked to encourage their youth to participate in this event.

The program will begin at 6:30 p.m., December 19, 1993 at the Mulberry District Educational Center, Highway 166, Elba, Alabama.

Gifts will be exchanged and fellowship in the dining hall will begin after the program.

Annual Christmas Service The Annual Christmas Service will be December 25, 1993 (Saturday morning). The Christmas service will be held with the Pea River Baptist Church, New Brockton, AL. Rev. Freddie Flowers, pastor, AL, honoring the pastor, Rev. J. C. Fryer on his pastor's anniversary.

On Friday night, December 17, 1993 the Rocky Head Church bus will leave the Elba Courthouse Square at 7:00 p.m.

December Birthdays Anthony Kelley - December 11; Dennis Kelley - December 11; Grover Belcher, Sr. - December 23.

Spectacular Event Sunday night, December 11, 1993 at 6:00 p.m., the Rocky Head Church of Elba was one of the guest churches invited to attend a Gospel Ecumenical Service at the Saint Mark AME Church of Daleville, AL.

Those attending from Rocky Head were Evelyn Guiley, Paul Porter, Kim Kelley, Jana Kelley, Kala Phillips, Novella Robinson, Roderick Ridaux, Keith Williams, Curtis Kelley, Melissa Kelley, Janita Brooks, Chastity Williams, D. J. Belcher, Monica Henderson, Brett Williams, Evon Jones, Ernestine Kelley, Annie Jones, and Eria Belcher.

Free Christmas Dinner for the poor will be served at the church. All children, elderly, and less fortunate families are encouraged to come. You can dine-in or carry-out. Delivery service is available for the elderly.

If you need dinners, please contact any member of Harris Temple at 897-2332 (church); Mrs. Ruby Ellison at 897-6991; Mrs. Linda Ramos at 897-3806 (after 5:00 p.m.). All are welcome. There is no charge for these dinners. The dinners will be served from the church.

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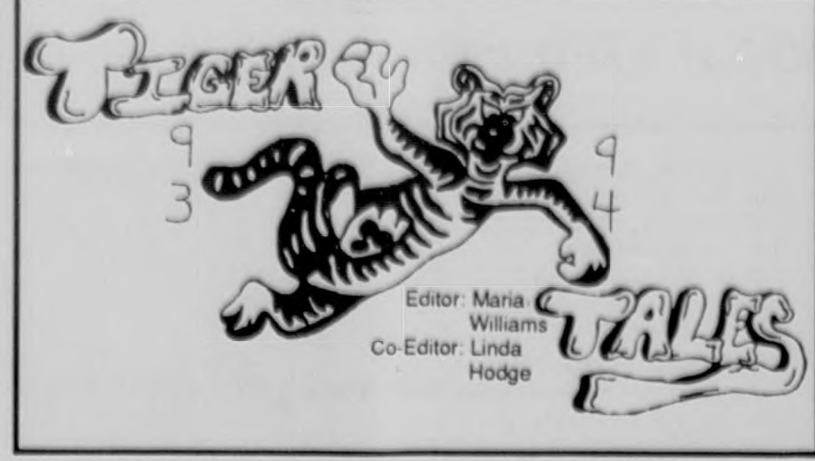
## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Pictured above (l to r) are: Lorell Wilkerson, Destiny Brown, and Brandie Locke.

by Robyn Rhoades & Stacy Seay

Lorell Wilkerson is the eighth grade son of Jessie Lee Wilkerson and Isiah Austin. He enjoys playing basketball and pool. Lorell is a member of Shady Grove A.M.E. **Destiny Brown** is the sophomore daughter of Gary and Debbie Brown. She enjoys golf and cheerleading. Destiny is a member of Spanish Club, Girl Scouts, Sr. Beta, and Alpha Theta, and attends First Baptist Church. **Brandie Locke** is the daughter of Mary McKenzie and Tom Locke. She is a junior and enjoys being in the colorguard and drawing. Brandie is a member of FBLA.



## \*\*\* Tiger Tales Editorial \*\*\*

by Tiger Tales Staff

When we spend seven hours a day, for five days a week, for thirty six weeks out of the year at school, it begins to feel like our second home. Like home, the people at school become your family. Our school family, like the other family, has its good times and is not so good times. There will be agreements and disagreements. Through the years we will come to love some members of our school family, and certainly will have an easier relationship with some than with others.

By the time we become a senior, we will know each other very well. Our friendships have shaped our life and some of these friendships will remain throughout our life. We have spent twelve years growing in knowledge and wisdom together. In the future we will remember the high points of school life such as: class field trips, band trips, ball games, proms, homecoming parades, beauty pageants, building floats, class projects, pep rallies, talent shows, assembly programs, state championships, academic tournaments, marching contests, club meetings, club parties, yearbooks, and even daily occurrences like recess. Then we will also remember the low points, such as a flood.

It is amazing that the high points are much more numerous than the low points. We should thank God for filling our lives with more highs than lows. We need to think about the positives of our school life and school family. One positive point we rarely consider is our teachers and administrators. Having parents at home, who care is a blessing and having teachers and administrators who care is also a blessing. Like our parents, we may not always agree, but we must realize that they have the best interests of all students in mind. We want to let our teachers and administrators know that we also care for them and appreciate our school life and family. We especially want to express our thanks and best wishes to our principal, Mr. Charles Clark, and our health teacher, Mrs. Lynnda Berry. We miss the two of you and hope for your return to Elba High School.



Pictured above (l to r) are: Jaime Davidson, Jennifer Hollinghead, and Missy McDaniel.

have goals in mind. Saturday night they listened to Jane Jenkins Herling, a former Miss America contestant, who opened with an enthusiastic song, "Nothing's Gonna Stop Us Now". She spoke about having VIP-

Vision, Initiative, and Perspective, and discussed each one individually. Site seeing was also part of the trip. Members were able to take pictures of tall buildings, interesting art forms, and beautiful landscape.

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## SENIORS OF THE WEEK



Pictured above (l to r) are: Tramine Warren and Raymond Waters.

by DeeDee Silar

**Raymond Waters** is the son of Raymond and Perlene Waters. His hobbies are hanging out with friends and sports. Raymond's most memorable EHS event is winning the State Volleyball Championship two years in a row. His future plans are to work.

**Tramine Warren** is the son of Charles and Joan Warren. His hobbies are singing and chilling with his friends. He attends church at Bethel A.M.E. Church of Christ. Tramine's most memorable EHS event is winning the 1992 State Championship. His future plans are to become a long distance track driver.

## \*\*\* EHS CURRENTS \*\*\*

by Molly Mills & Dana Stinson

The 1993-94 Elba Varsity Basketball Team will be competing in the Elba Christmas Tournament on December 16-18. It will be held in the Elba High School gym. Please come out and support our Elba Tigers.

The Christmas holidays are coming up. We will get out of school on December 17 and come back January 3rd. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

The Miss Elba Pageant will be January 8th at 7:00 p.m. at the EHS auditorium.



## FHA Takes Trip

by Joe Russell

On Thursday, December 2nd, Mrs. Martha Oggs, home economics teacher, took Candy Dean, Michael Grantham, Melissa Sorrells, Angela Richards, and Joanie Vessie to Hancock Fabrics in Dothan. The students were allowed to choose patterns and fabrics for their advanced sewing project. There was no set amount of money for the students to spend because they were all responsible for bringing their own money.

While at Hancock's, the students handled various materials and patterns. They also discussed the ability to sew the materials according to the pattern, and they discussed the suitability of the pattern and materials to the body. After discussing these factors, they purchased the patterns that best suited their wants and needs.

The students and Mrs. Oggs agreed that the trip was not only fun and a chance to get away from the rigors of school, but it was very educational and beneficial. It helped them complete their projects.

## VICA News

by Linda Hodge

The EHS VICA club met on December 7th to have a cookout. The cookout was held to show appreciation for the students who participated in working in the concession stand during the football season. All the hard work was greatly appreciated and the cookout and gifts were only a small symbol of that appreciation.

There was a short meeting before eating and Mr. Lawford presented certificates to those who worked. He also announced that he has a small gift on order for those people. He also presented club president Linda Hodge with a special gift to show appreciation for all the hard work she has done during the season.

After the meeting, it was time to eat! The group enjoyed Polish hot dogs, hamburgers, potato chips, and soft drinks. The food was very good and everyone looked forward to the next cookout. A thank you goes out to Mr. Lawford, Mr. Goodson, and Mr. Sasser for all that they have done so far this year.

**JUMP ROPE FOR HEART...** Students throughout Alabama started jumping rope in the month of October and will continue jumping through the early part of April 1994 in participation of the 13th annual Jump Rope For Heart. This event is the combined effort of the American Heart Association, Alabama Affiliate, and the Alabama State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. Jump Rope For Heart is a nationwide event for students to promote physical education and a healthy circulatory system while raising funds to help their local American Heart Association fight heart disease - this nation's Number One Killer. Students team up to jump rope in their physical education classes. Each student can secure pledges or donations for each minute their team jumps. Pictured above is Judge Marion Brunson (left), president of the local chapter of the American Heart Association, presenting a plaque commending the Elba Elementary School's students for their participation. Accepting the plaque are: Frank Phillips (center) and Sandra Skinner (right).

## ESJC Happenings

Enterprise State Junior College is hosting a Christmas Baseball School on December 20-22 at the ESJC baseball field. There will be two sessions each day; participants ages 8-12 will meet from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. and participants ages 13-17 will meet from 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Instruction will be given in the fundamentals of throwing and catching, individual

defensive position play, hitting, bunting and baserunning. The instructors will be ESJC Head Baseball Coach Tim Hulsey and Coach Butch Wright. The fee for the three-day camp is \$40. For more information call 393-ESJC, ext. 291.

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Enterprise State Junior College's Career Training Program for Women course provides information about returning to school or entering the work force. For a six-week period, seminars and workshops emphasize career exploration, decision making and goal setting, self-concept development, financial aid, study skills, image awareness, assertiveness training, stress management, legal information, time management, support systems/networking, resume writing, and introduction to computers. The fee is \$150 and the registration deadline is Dec. 17. For more information call 393-ESJC, ext. 218.

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## \*\*\* JOB SPOTLIGHT \*\*\*

by Pamela Bell

Laura Brown, a senior at Zion Chapel High School, works at the Jen-Deb School of Dance. She teaches ballet, tap, jazz, aerobics, and funk hip-hop. She teaches at both the Enterprise and Opp studios of Jen-Deb. She works on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays and she teaches girls from ages 2 to 15.

Recently, the competition teams from Jen-Deb School of Dance competed in Dance Masters of America Dance Competition. The trio she was in won first place in Senior Duo Trio Musical Theater category.

They also won the most Entertaining Duo-Trio. The group calls themselves "Adele's Debutantes" and the other members are Elena Strong from Elba and Amy Morgan from Enterprise. Jen-Deb brought home six first place awards and several special and overall awards.

They are preparing now for their annual Christmas Retail, entitled "The Magic of Christmas." It will be held at the Enterprise High School Auditorium on December 18, 1993, at 10:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.



LAURA BROWN

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## REBEL BASKETBALL

By Chris Hodge

## Boys Junior Varsity Basketball

The Zion Chapel Junior Varsity Basketball Team saw its record fall to 1-2 in the season as they lost to cross-country rival Kinston, 35-23.

The game was close early with Kinston leading 9-8 at the end of the first quarter. Andrea Flowers scored 6 points in the opening quarter to lead the Zion Chapel scoring attack.

In the second quarter, the Zion Chapel offense was nonexistent and was outscored 13-0 to give Kinston a 22-8 lead at halftime. Kinston was the leading scorer for Kinston in the first half with 9 points.

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Kinston, however, outscored Zion Chapel 9-4 in the final quarter to take a 35-23 victory.

Waylon Littlefield led the Zion Chapel offense with 7 points. Andrea Flowers and Shane Bragg each added 6 points.

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Kinston closed out their 59-44 victory by outscoring Zion Chapel 11-10 in the fourth quarter.

Tracy Hall scored 21 points to lead the Kinston offense. Jeremy Carley contributed 15 points and Davis had 11 points.

Chris Hodge led the Zion Chapel offense with 22 points and Joey Herbert and Napoleon Smith each added 9 points.

## FBLA Adopts Family For Christmas

by Beverly A. Flowers

Adopting a family for Christmas was the main item of business discussed at the recent meeting of the Zion Chapel chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA). Mrs. Shirley Vincent, from the Coffee County Department of Human Resources, spoke to the group about a family in the county who is in need of Christmas cheer.

Mrs. Vincent suggested several ideas for gifts for the family including building blocks, Nerf balls, musical toys, punching bags, stuffed animals, sweat suits, and candy. The club members suggested blankets, heaters, fruit, a ham, a radio with a tape player, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, brush and comb, towels, sheets, cleaning items, a night light, books, colors, coloring books, and other items. The club members also suggested finding and decorating a Christmas tree for the family. The members will make paper ornaments and strings of popcorn for the tree.

The club members agreed to bring nonperishable food items for a food basket, toys and clothes from home, any gifts they would like the family to have, and to donate money for a club shopping trip for the family.

The club members were divided into four committees by grades. Mrs. Rachel Bryan, sponsor, selected committee chairpersons. The eighth grade committee chairpersons are Ashley Nelson and Bobbie Simmons. The ninth grade chairpersons are Ashley Nelson and Bobbie Simmons. The tenth grade chairpersons are Ashley Nelson and Bobbie Simmons. The eleventh grade chairpersons are Ashley Nelson and Bobbie Simmons. The twelfth grade chairpersons are Ashley Nelson and Bobbie Simmons.



Pictured above are FBLA Chairpersons Ashley Nelson, Tasha Cooper, Shea Nelson, Celeste Richards, Betsy Cole, Bobbie Simmons, and Arleen Pridgen. Not pictured is Tazzie Messer.

Tasha Cooper, the tenth grade chairperson, are Ashley Nelson and Celeste Richards. The eleventh grade chairpersons are Ashley Nelson and Bobbie Simmons. The twelfth grade chairpersons are Ashley Nelson and Bobbie Simmons.

The meeting was adjourned with the committees promising to make reports to Mrs. Bryan the next day on their ideas about gifts for the family.

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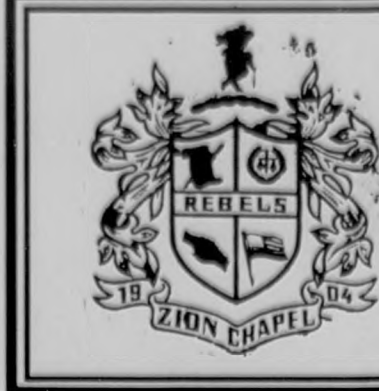
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## Beauty Pageant Postponed

by Chris Gunnell

The twenty-first annual Campus Beauty Pageant will be held Saturday, January 22 in the Zion Chapel High School Gymnasium. It will begin at 7 p.m. Admission will be \$3 per person.

The beauty pageant was originally scheduled for November 20 but the Yearbook Staff was busy with activities of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA). Because most members of the Yearbook Staff are also members of FBLA, they did not find enough time to prepare for the pageant.

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## AREA DEATHS

### VANDEY DANFORD

Vandey Danford, age 84 of Elba, Alabama, died Tuesday, December 14, 1993 in a Dothan, AL hospital.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Thursday (Today), December 16, 1993 from the Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Q. Davis officiating.

Burial will follow in the Bethany Baptist Church Cemetery, New Brockton, AL, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law, Peggy and Ed Compton of Elba, AL; four grandchildren; seven great grandchildren.

### JO ANN (LONG) MIMS

Jo Ann (Long) Mims of Brundidge, Alabama, formerly of Elba, AL, died Monday, December 6, 1993 in Dale County Hospital.

The funeral home was directed by King's Funeral Home of Troy, AL.

Survivors include her husband, King Mims of Brundidge, AL; one son, Dustin Mims of Brundidge, AL; four brothers, Tommy Long and George Long, and Noah Long and Cole Long both of Troy, AL; two sisters, Lois Turner of Brundidge, AL, and Bertha Meeks of Troy, AL.

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### Note Of Thanks

I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to Dr. Roberts, Dr. Dwyer and their staff also Elba General Hospital for the wonderful care they gave me during my recent illness.

**DOUG MADDOX**  
 12-16-11c

### CARD OF THANKS

The family of DURRELL HUDSON wishes to express their gratitude for all the prayers, visits, flowers and flowers shown me during my illness.

A very special thanks to all our good doctors in Enterprise, Dothan, and University of Alabama-Birmingham.

### THE FAMILY OF DURRELL J. HUDSON

Sam "Nub" Kelley, age 69 of Jack, Alabama, died Wednesday, December 8, 1993 in an Enterprise, AL hospital.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, December 10, 1993 from the Pleasant Ridge Cemetery, with Rev. Billy P. McCollough officiating. Hayes Funeral Home directed the service.

Survivors include his wife, Thelma Dean Kelley of Jack, AL; two sons, Ronnie Kelley of Jack, AL and Tommy Modlin of New Brockton, AL; two daughters, Tammy Brown of Kinston, AL and Virginia Danley of Jack, AL; six grandchildren.

### 2C 6th Grade 4-H Meets

by Jessica Kelley, 4-H Reporter  
 My name is Jessica Kelley. I am this year's reporter for the 6th grade girls' 4-H Club at Zion Chapel Elementary.

Thursday, December 2nd was the second 4-H meeting and we started off by singing two songs lead by Kayla Edmonds and Amy Collins. Then we said the pledges to our 4-H and American flags. Our secretary Amanda Rainey, called the roll. We had one person out and a new student. After that, our devotional leader, Jenny Nelson, read the devotion for this month. Mrs. Hughes, our 4-H leader, told us about the different ways to decorate cookies for the holidays. The meeting was then adjourned until next month. All of the girls at Zion Chapel would like to say, "Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!"



TO CELEBRATE FARM CITY WEEK THE ELBA ROTARY CLUB was given a program by local 4-H youth. Shown left to right are Stan Windham, County Agent; Emily Bryan, Vaughan Boyd, Matthew Farris, Leigh Kelley, and Kenneth Calhoun, program director, Elba Rotary Club.

## ASCS Election Results Released

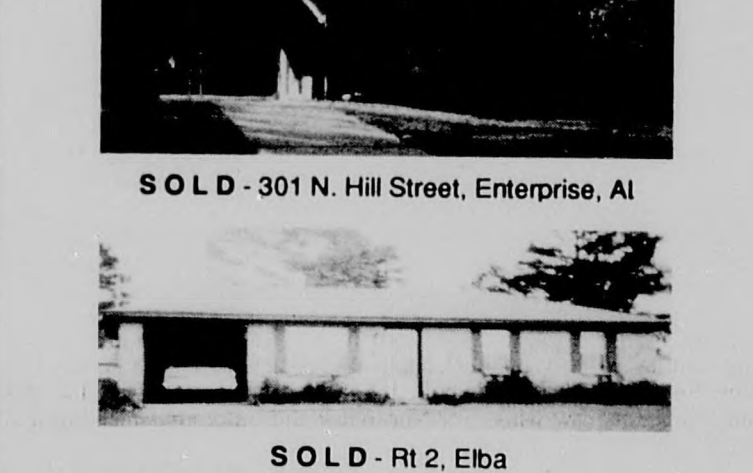
Results of the December 8 election of ASCS Committee persons in Local Administrative Area No. 2 were announced by John D. Dalrymple, Vice-Chairman Mack Donaldson; Member Max Boyeman Jr.; 1st Alternate Robert Kilcrease Jr.; 2nd Alternate Pamela V. Baker.

Community G: Chairperson Jesse Anderson; Vice-Chairperson Wayne Lamb; Member Joe L. Lamb.

Local Administrative Area Convention adn the County Convention to be held on December 17 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Room area of the Coffee County Agricultural Center in New Brockton, Alabama. Both conventions are open to the public.

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Salable Receipts (Est.).....	Special Sale	660
Week Ago (Actual).....	7	597
Year Ago (Actual).....	8	527
OPP MARKET		
Cattle & Calves		
Salable Receipts (Est.).....	668	0
Week Ago (Actual).....	701	0
Year Ago (Actual).....	470	0

### BREAKDOWN

**HOGS (ELBA MKT ONLY):** Compared to week ago, Barrows & Gilts: Steady. 50 Lower US 2-3, 200-220lbs, 36.00-37.00; 220-260lbs, 38.00-39.00; 260-280lbs, 35.00-36.00. Sows: 1.00-2.00 Lower, US 1-3, 300-400lbs, 26.00-27.00; 400-500lbs, 28.00-30.00; 500-600lbs, 30.00-31.00; 600-700lbs, 31.00-32.00. Feeder Pigs: 3.00 Lower, US 2-3, 25-50lbs, 62.00-72.00; 50-80lbs, 55.00-68.00; Butts: 1.00 Lower, Over 300lbs, 23.00-24.00; Under 300lbs, 21.00-22.00.

**CATTLE & CALVES (OPP MKT ONLY):** Compared to week ago, Steady. 1.00 Lower: Heifers: 1.00-2.00 Higher: Replacement or Feeder Cows: To Few. **SLAUGHTER CLASSES:** Cows: Bon Uty 1-3, 42.50-49.00; Can't-Cut 1-2, 34.00-39.00; Butts: To Few. **FEEDER CLASSES:** STEERS: Med & Lge 1, 300-350lbs, 105.00-112.00; 350-400lbs, 102.00-110.00; 400-450lbs, 94.50-102.00; 450-500lbs, 88.00-94.00; 500-550lbs, 82.00-88.00; 550-600lbs, 80.00-87.00; Med & Lge 2, 300-350lbs, 95.00-104.00; 350-400lbs, 86.00-96.00; 400-450lbs, 82.00-92.00; 450-500lbs, 80.00-86.00; 500-550lbs, 75.00-82.00; 550-600lbs, 74.00-78.00. **HEIFERS:** Med & Lge 1, 300-350lbs, 86.00-92.00; 350-400lbs, 84.00-90.00; 400-450lbs, 82.00-88.00; 450-500lbs, 78.00-82.00; 500-550lbs, 74.00-80.00; 550-600lbs, 72.00-78.00. **Med & Lge 2, 300-350lbs, 78.00-86.00; 350-400lbs, 74.00-82.00; 400-450lbs, 72.00-80.00; 450-500lbs, 70.00-76.00. COWS REPLACEMENT and/or FEELER PAIRS:** Sen 1-2, Over 7 Yrs, 550-700lbs, 39.00-45.00. **COW & CALF PAIRS:** To Few. **BRED COWS:** Med 1-2, 900-1100lbs Cow 5-8 Mos, 440.00-580.00.

Views From

## The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Christmas is just around the corner and in recent weeks the Mularz girls have been busy helping Mom decorate around the house. Melanie was in charge of hanging up the balls on the tree, while Melissa helped with the lights (inside and out) and tried to help Melanie with the ornaments. The tree may not be perfectly balanced with ornaments and all the lights may not be working all the time, but the girls are happy with the way everything looks and I'm sure Santa will be happy, too!

### ELBA TIGERS DROP BASKETBALL SEASON OPENER

The Elba Tigers took to the court Friday night to battle the Opp Bobcats and saw a late rally fall three-points short as the Tigers came out on the short end of the 57-54 score. The Tigers lacked an effective outside shooting game and had some problems that you expect in early season games, but played hard for all four quarters and the late rally showed that the team has a never-say-die attitude. That kind of attitude and hard play will pay dividends in every game all season long.

While the Tigers had some problem finding the range, David Yelverton was ready to go and opened the season with a 30-point performance. Yelverton scored in just about every way possible and showed the court with an array of dunks, and displayed the kind of talents we all now have.

A loss is always a disappointment and a close loss is hard to accept. However, the loss to Opp Friday night on the road wasn't the kind of loss that will hurt this Elba Tiger team. The loss left the youthful Tigers hungry to get a win and let the players know that they can win, on the road, and against anybody in any class. The wins may not exactly pile up early in the year due to a killer schedule, but they will come and when they start coming, they will come with regularity.

### AREA TEAMS HAVE MIXED SUCCESS ON COURT

The teams across the county continued their early season schedules last week and the area teams had mixed results. Here's a quick look back at the second week of the season.

**NEW BROCKTON** went 2-0 in its area with an easy win over Cottonwood and it looks like the Gamecocks may be a whole lot better than anybody thought. In the opening win the Gamecocks rode the inside power of 6-9 Jimmy Truitt, but in the win last week the Gamecocks used the quickness and shooting skills of Chris Green and Mitchell Truitt to overwhelm the Bears. Brockton has size, power and quickness and may be the team to watch in area circle.

**ZION CHAPEL** got in the win column with a wild double-overtime win over Arion in a game in which the Purple Cats only had three players left when the final horn sounded. The Rebels have had problems winning in all sports in recent years, especially in basketball, and the win should fire up the Rebels and let 'em know they can win if they play hard and give it all they've got.

**KINSTON** suffered its first loss in a four-point loss to Coffee Springs and the loss may be just what the doctor ordered for the Bulldogs. Kinston was lying high after opening the season with four wins and the Bulldogs and their fans were convinced the "Dogs were back. Well, they still may be, but the Bulldogs will have to play their best every night out against every opponent to win big.

### STATE FOOTBALL FINALS FILLED WITH ACTION

The state high school football playoffs drew to an end last weekend and for the first time in ages there are six new state champs walking around waiting to enter their rings. Here's a look back at week #5 and which teams made it to the top.

**CLASS 6A** - Central, of Phenix City, always wins a lot of games, but the Red Devils usually don't last long in the playoffs. Mark out that old saying! Central used a steady offense with a rugged defense Saturday to upset West End 42-7. The Devils pulled a number of upsets during the playoffs and claimed narrow wins over Northview and Enterprise, then put it all together Saturday afternoon to bring it all home.

**CLASS 5A** - Oxford was the pick of the folks in North Alabama, but the folks up north didn't know about Greenville. Another myth bites the dust! Oxford scored two late touchdowns to claim a wild 35-21 win over Greenville to take the 5A crown. Greenville's defense had been impressive, to say the least, in all four of its playoff wins, but Friday night Oxford was just too much to handle.

**CLASS 4A** - The opinion locally was that Daleville may have left too much on the field in Brundidge to get up again and win the state title. Maybe! The Warhawks came out flat and fell behind 21-0 before a rally fell short in their 21-14 loss to North Jackson. The Warhawks had trouble stopping the wing-T attack of North Jackson, especially in the first half, and could get nothing going offensively until it was too late. I'm sure the loss hurts, but as time passes the players and coaches can savor the wins and look at the loss as just another lesson learned.

**CLASS 3A** - St. Paul's was supposed to be unbeatable at home, but that myth also went by the wayside as Colbert County whipped the Saints 14-10 to take the title back up north. St. Paul's led 10-0 early and appeared headed for the win, but were down and once again was eliminated in the playoff by the eventual state champ.

**CLASS 2A** - Hazlewood won five straight state titles and was a shoe-in for a sixth. Wrong! St. Clair County showed what it was really made of and saw its dream come true as it claimed an 18-13 win. St. Clair had whipped Leroy on the road in week #4 and got a lot of folks attention, but until Friday night the perfect season was thought to be just a fluke. Now we all know.

**CLASS 1A** - Courtland was supposed to be the best team in the state in 1A, and when they lost to West Jefferson, that meant West Jefferson would walk to the title. Can we get anything right? Brantley carried its 14-0 record into the matchup against West Jefferson and the state's leading all-time runner and handed the visitors an old-fashioned country whipping as they clubbed the Tigers 36-0. During the playoffs the Bulldogs opponents were all quoted as saying they were tired of hearing about Brantley and hinted the "Dogs had played an easy schedule. Well, in Brantley talk wasn't cheap!

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# SPORTS

### Officials statistics released for '93 season

## Belcher and Coleman atop '93 Tiger grid statistics

The Elba Tigers completed another banner season in 1993 by posting a 7-5 record and reaching the third round of the Class 3A football playoffs. While the Tigers were successful on the field, so were a number of players who turned in outstanding performances.

Following is a review of official individual statistics released recently by the Tiger athletic office:

### OFFENSE:

The Elba ground attack was solid again this season with four backs gaining over 250 yards and a total of seven backs scoring touchdowns.

Senior tailback D.J. Belcher led the Tigers in rushing with 759 yards in 116 carries, and scored 9 touchdowns, while sophomore tailback Chris Tyson followed closely with 576 yards in 82 carries and scored 5 touchdowns. Junior fullback Derrick Kyles gained 309 yards in 65 carries and scored 3 TD's, while the other major ground gainer was sophomore fullback Roscoe Coleman with 266 yards and 51 carries and scored 2 touchdowns.

Other ground gainers for the season were sophomore Sterling Jones (18-79), senior Keith Grantham (24-61), junior Che. Vaughan (10-55), senior Richard Kyles (10-34), freshman D'undray Peterson (10-34), freshman Bobby Burks (3-11), freshman Troy Bryan (1-1) and junior Chris Hudson (1-0).

Senior quarterback Keith Grantham had a big year through the air with 61 completions in 123 attempts, and only 9 interceptions, for 901 yards and 11 touchdowns. Roscoe Coleman hit his only attempt for 26 yards, while Che. Vaughan hit 1 of 3 passes for 28 yards and a touchdown and Josh Caldwell completed 1 of 2.

When asked about next year's squad, Coach Wood stated "We have a lot of players coming back and have a chance to have a good team. We will get started on the weights real soon and expect the players to work hard during the off-season and be a dedicated bunch. With the experience the younger players got last season, they should be excited and should look forward to getting back to work."

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### Former Elba standout earns honor, again

## McKinnon named to All-GSC squad

With eight first team selections and three of the major award winners, the University of North Alabama football team dominated the All-Gulf South Conference team as selected recently by the GSC head coaches.

The Lions, which will compete in the NCAA Division II national championship game this week, in Florence, accounted for one-third of the first team selections on the honored squad and added three second team picks, as well as the league's Coach-of-the-Year and Offensive and Defensive Player-of-the-Year awards.

Bobby Wallace, who has taken the Lions to the NCAA playoffs three of the last four years, was named the league's top coach, while senior tailback Tyrone Rush was named the top offensive player and defensive end Jeff Redcross took the top defensive honor.

Also receiving first team All-GSC honors were offensive guard Jeff Thompson, offensive guard Jeff Surbaugh, defensive tackle O.J. Patrick, kicker Jamie Stoddard, linebacker Keith Humphrey and former

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Senior wide-receiver Josh Caldwell led the Tiger receiving corp for the second straight year as he pulled in 32 passes for 640 yards and 7 touchdowns. Other receivers included Che. Vaughan with 9 catches for 164 yards and 2 touchdowns, Cory Howe with 11 catches for 142 yards and 1 TD and Chris Tyson with 1 catch for 9 yards and Chris Hudson with 1 catch for 6 yards.

Josh Caldwell handled most of the punting chores for Elba during the season and averaged 32.1 yards per punt on 28 punts, while Che. Vaughan punted five times and averaged an outstanding 47.2 yards per boot.

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## Elba rally falls short in 57-54 loss to Opp

The Elba Tigers saw a furious fourth quarter rally fall short Friday night as the Tigers opened the basketball season with a 57-54 loss to the Opp Bobcats, in Opp.

The loss left Elba with an 0-1 record, while Opp improved to 4-1 with the win.

Elba grabbed an early 3-0 lead on a basket and free-throw by David Yelverton and regained the lead at 9-8 with 5:13 left in the opening stanza when Yelverton scored on a slam-dunk.

Opp rallied late to take a 14-11 advantage by the end of the stanza; however, and then opened the second quarter with a spurt that put the Bobcats on top 20-11 with 6:03 left

in the half. Opp owned a big 22-13 lead with 4:02 remaining in the half, only to see Elba rally behind the play of Yelverton and Che Vaughan and cut the lead to 26-22 by the end of the quarter.

Neither team could find the range in the third quarter as Opp's lead remained small, but the Bobcats hit another surge early in the final stanza and went on top 39-29 with 7:16 left in the game.

The Bobcats pulled out to a 46-33 lead with 5:31 left and appeared headed for a blowout win, only to see Elba again rally and go on an 11-3 run to cut the lead to 49-44 with 2:58 left in the game.

Elba pulled within a basket at 56-54 with :30 left on the clock on a layup by Leray Smedley, but the Tigers failed to score again and Opp held on for the 57-54 win.

David Yelverton scored 30 points and Rashad Tillis both scored 13 for Opp.

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**Opp (57):** Jones 13, Pierce 11, Tillis 13, Lane 2, Davis 7, Hall 4, Edwards 4, Cox 3.  
**Elba (54):** Coleman 4, Vaughan 7, Yelverton 30, Tyson 1, Smedley

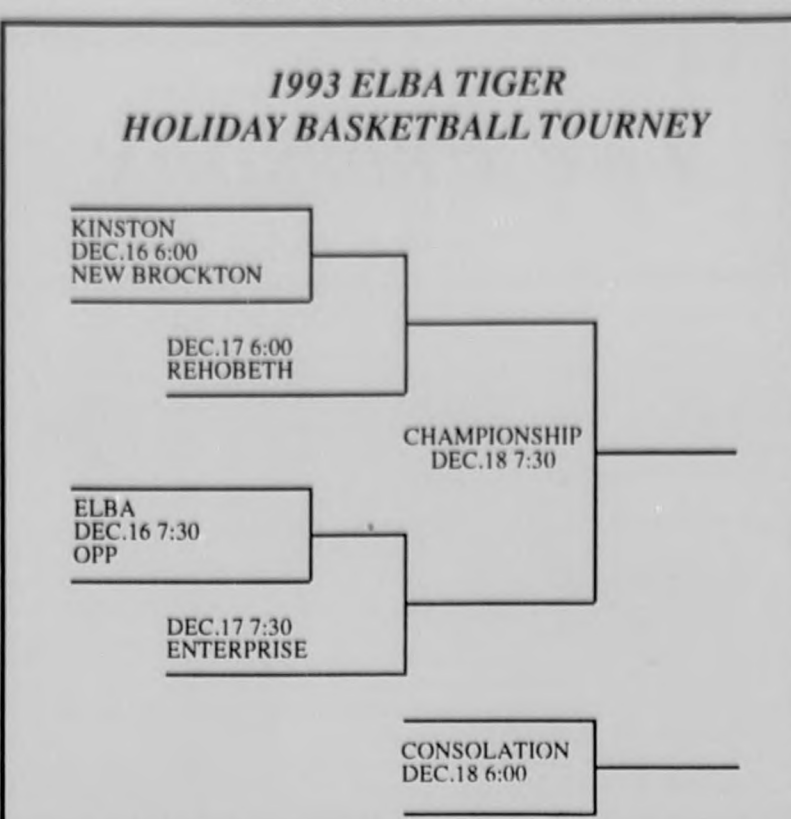
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**(B GAME)**  
The Elba Tiger B team led all the way to open the season with a 51-41 win over Opp.

The Tigers jumped out to a 22-12 halftime bulge and easily held on for the win.

Tim Williams and Demaris Barnes both scored 15 points to lead Elba, while Ozell Daniels led 10.

**Elba (51):** Ordon 4, Daniels 10, Williams 15, Kyles 1, Peterson 6, Barnes 15.  
**Opp (41):** Smith 5, Peacock 8, Wilford 16, Norris 4, Lane 6, Brooks 2.



## Tigers only 3A team in talented Enterprise tourney

Enterprise High School will host its annual Christmas Basketball Tournament next week at the Enterprise Wildcat gym and this year there will be a competitive field of

eight teams in the event. The tourney will begin on Monday, Dec. 20, and continue through Wednesday, Dec. 22, with four games on tap each night.

In Monday's action, the (6A) Sidney Lanier Poets, of Montgomery, will meet the (6A) G.W. Carver Wolverines, of Montgomery, at 4:00, to be followed at 5:30 by the

matchup between the (6A) Selma Saints and the (6A) Robert E. Lee Generals, of Montgomery. The 7:00 game will find the (3A) Elba Tigers tangle with the (5A) Charles Henderson Trojans, of Troy, and at 8:30, the host (6A) Enterprise Wildcats will battle the (5A) Valley Rams.

In Tuesday's action, it will be the Lanier-Carver loser meeting the Valley-Enterprise loser at 4:00, and the Elba-Henderson loser meeting the Selma-Lee loser at 5:30. In winner's bracket action, it will be the Elba-Henderson winner against the Selma-Lee winner at 7:00, while at 8:30, the Enterprise-Valley winner will challenge the Lanier-Carver winner.

Games on Wednesday night will also begin at 4:00, 5:30, 7:00 and 8:30.

"A lot of people have told me that we don't have any business in this tournament," said Elba's Coach Curtis Lane, "but it never hurts a team to compete against teams better than it is. We don't have to beat any of these teams to make it to state, but by playing these teams we might be able to make it to state."

"In our end of the bracket are three very good teams," added Lane. "Charles Henderson is always loaded with athletes and on any given night can beat anybody in any class, while Selma has one of the best programs in the state and Robert E. Lee may very well have the best team in Montgomery, and Montgomery is loaded this year."

"We are guaranteed to play three games in the tournament," Lane stated, "and our team needs to play games to gain experience. We are young, but after playing in these games, we won't be quite so young and will know just how good we are, and how good we can be. This is a good tournament for us to play in, no matter how many games we win or lose!"

## Elba to host second annual holiday basketball tourney

Elba High School will host the 2nd annual Elba Tiger Holiday Basketball Tournament this week, with a field of six teams competing for the tourney title.

The tournament will begin tonight (Thursday) at 6:00, when the Kinston Bulldogs tangle with the New Brockton Gamecocks, to be followed at 7:30, with the clash between the Elba Tigers and Opp Bobcats.

In action on Friday night, Rehobeth will take on the Kinston-New Brockton winner at 6:00, and at 7:30 the Elba-Opp winner will tangle with Enterprise.

A consolation game will be held on Saturday night at 6:00 and the finals are set for Saturday at 7:30.

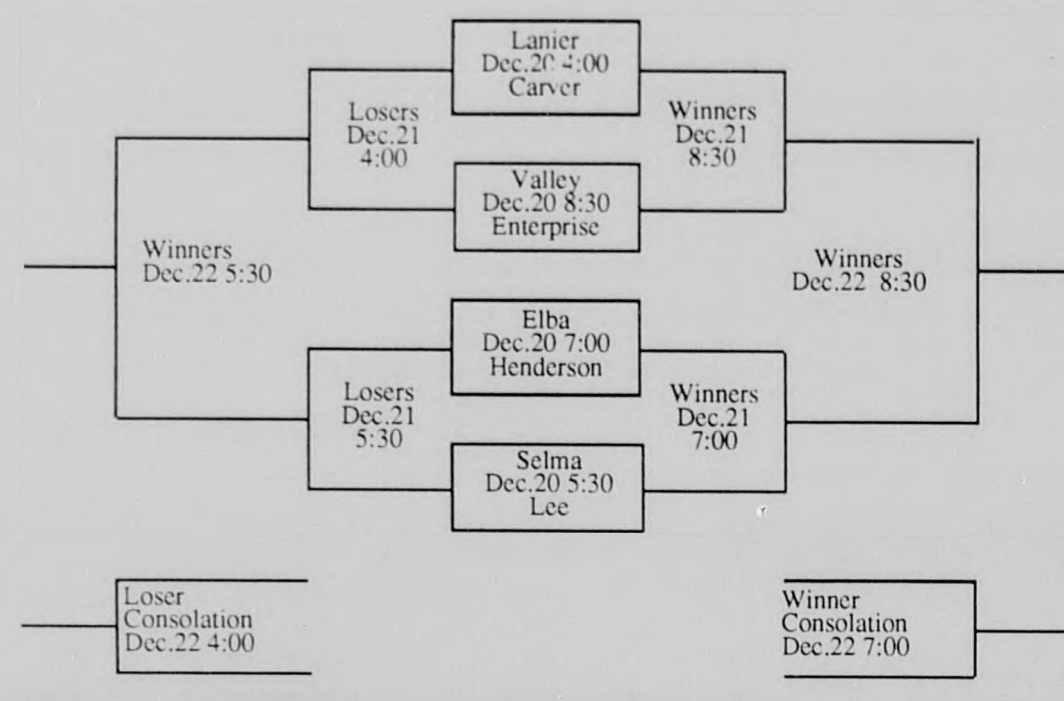
"The teams competing in the tournament have changed a number of times," stated Elba's Coach Curtis Lane, "but the field is set and it should be a good tournament for the fans to watch. New Brockton, Kinston and Rehobeth all have excellent teams and any of the three could come out on the top of the bracket, while Opp and Enterprise are both very good teams, and join us in the bottom of the bracket. We will have the least experience of any team in the tournament, but it is at our gym and we will try to give the home fans something to cheer about."

Admission to the games will be \$3 adults and \$2 students.

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Dec. 10	Opp	Away
Dec. 14	Enterprise	Home
Dec. 16-18	Elba Holiday Tourney	Elba
Dec. 20-22	Enterprise Tourney	E'prise
Jan. 4	New Brockton	Home
Jan. 7	Kinston	Home
Jan. 8	Brantley	Home
Jan. 14	Luverne	Home
Jan. 18	Louisville	Home
Jan. 21	Luverne	Away
Jan. 25	Louisville	Away
Jan. 29	Brantley	Away
Feb. 4	Enterprise	Away
Feb. 8	Opp	Home
Feb. 12	Andalusia	Home
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## Roundball Roundup

### New Brockton clobbers Cottonwood 93-49

The New Brockton Gamecocks improved their record to 2-0 last Tuesday night by clobbering the Cottonwood Bears 93-49, in Cottonwood. The Gamecocks jumped out to an early lead against their area rivals and easily rolled to the lopsided win.

Chris Green scored 22 points to lead New Brockton, while Mitchell Truitt and Joe Thomas both added 21. Chris Flowers scored 13 and Jimmy Truitt tossed 10.

### Zion Chapel chalks up first win 61-59

The Zion Chapel Rebels snapped a three-game losing streak Friday night with an exciting 61-59 double-overtime win over the Arion Purple Cats, in Jack.

Elliott Liptrot and Jerry Vance both scored 15 points to lead the Rebels, while Tim Kilow scored 15 points for the Purple Cats, which ended the game with only three players on the court due to foul problems.

### Coffee Springs upsets Kinston 44-40

The Kinston Bulldogs tasted defeat for the first time this season Friday night when they fell to the Coffee Springs Golden Bears 44-40, at Coffee Springs. Jeremy Camley poured in 19 points and Tracey Hall added 11 for the (4-1) Bulldogs, while Chad Martin scored 21 as Coffee Springs improved its record to 5-2.

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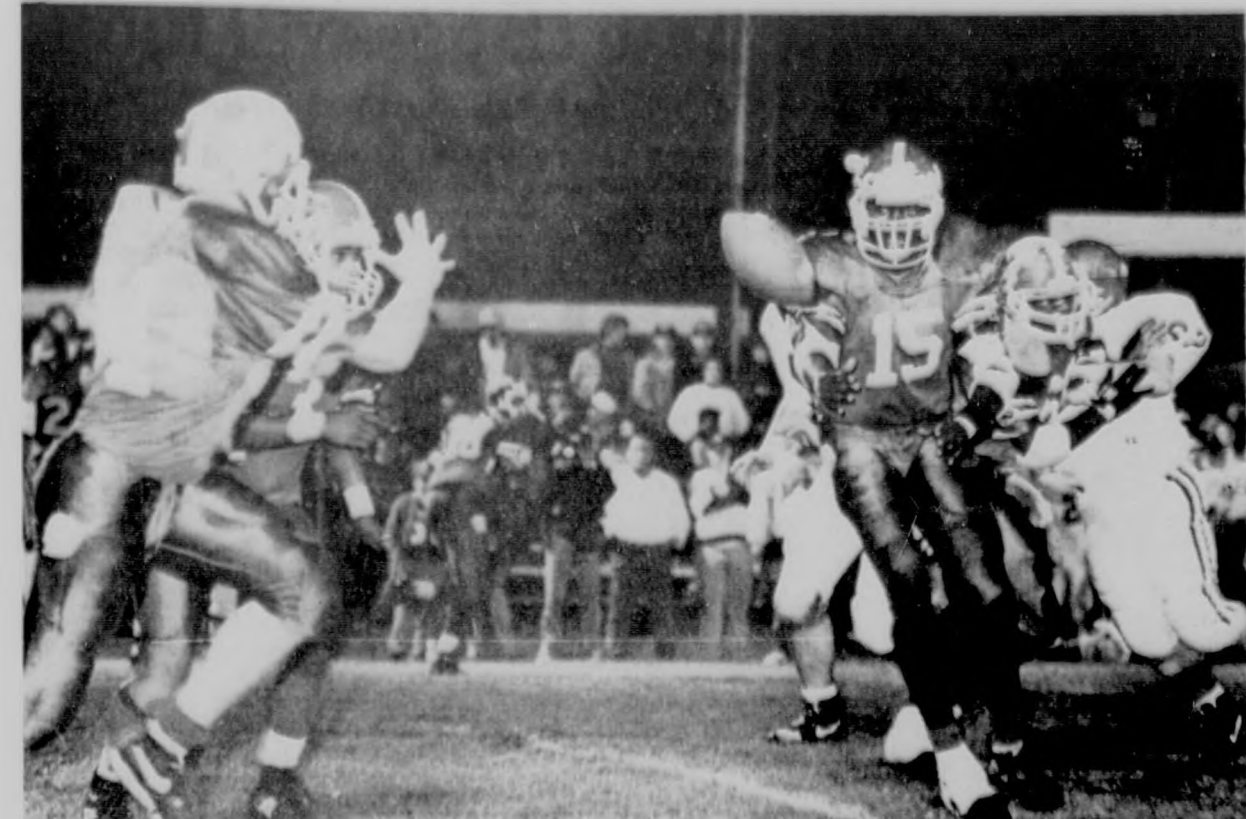
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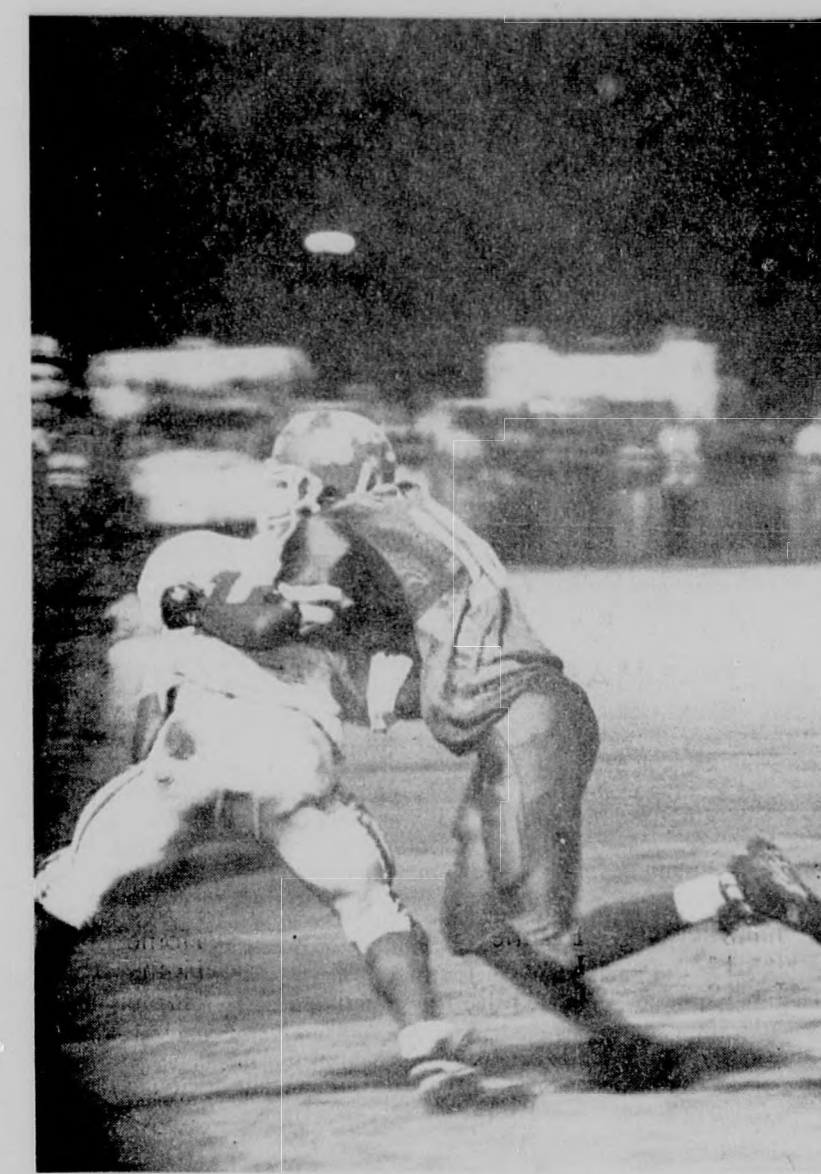
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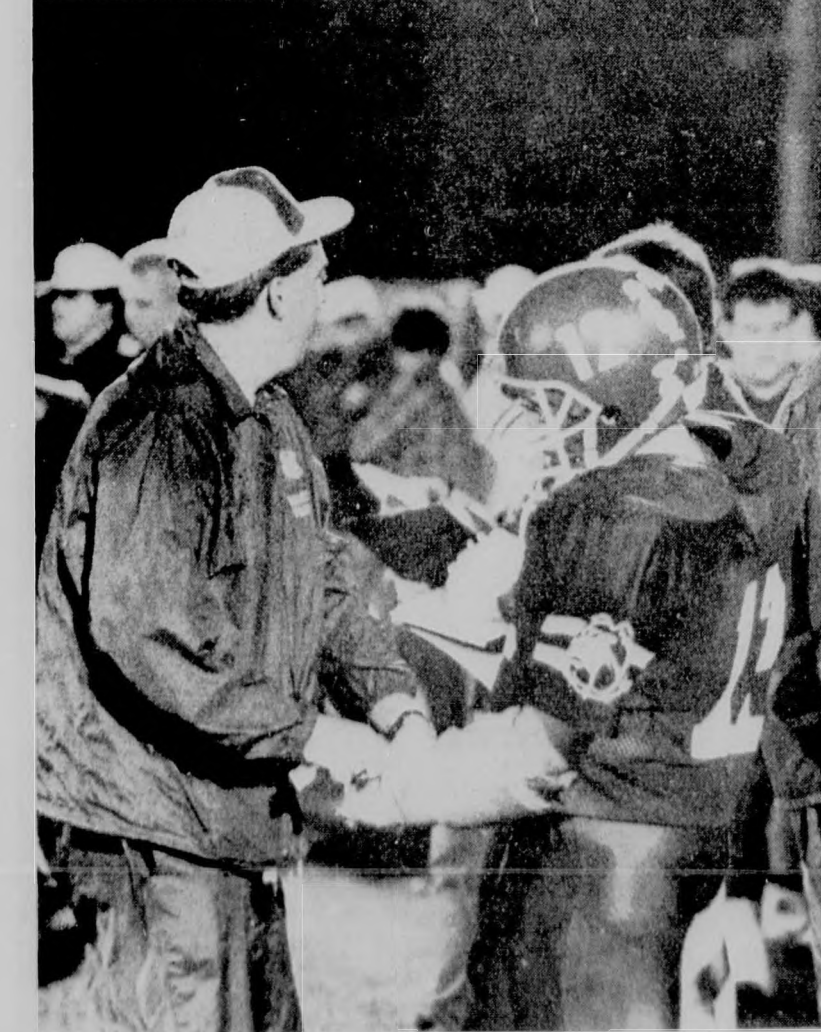
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Brantley quarterback Derek Caldwell (15) pitches the ball back to running back Charlie Layton (34) as team-mate Mareo Jones (3) looks upfield to make a block. All three Bulldogs had big nights Friday as Brantley claimed its first state championship with a big 36-0 win over the West Jefferson Tigers.



Brantley's Jimmy Burnett (18) catches West Jefferson speedster Thomas Banks (19) as he turns upfield. The Bulldog defense recorded its ninth shut-out of the season in the 36-0 romp past the Tigers.



Brantley assistant coach Roland Jones, Jr., talks with a player while checking the protective cast on the broken arm of Andrew Kilcrease (12). Kilcrease played throughout the playoffs with the broken left arm.

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HERE COME THE CHAMPIONS! A Brantley Bulldog cheerleader leads the players onto the field for Friday night's state championship game. Players entering the field include Demetrius Oliver (4) Ashley Carlisle (88), Dramaine James (75) and Charlie Layton (34).

## Clobbers West Jefferson 36-0

# Brantley grabs 1A state title

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Brantley put the finishing touches on the greatest season in the school's rich football history Friday night as the offense exploded for 29 second half points and the defense tossed its ninth shutout of the season to lead the Bulldogs to an impressive 36-0 victory over the West Jefferson Tigers, in the Class 1A state championship game, played in front of a standing-room-only crowd in Brantley.

The win gave the 1A state champs from Brantley a final record of 15-0, while West Jefferson closed out the season with an 11-4 slate.

West Jefferson received the opening kickoff and used its strong running game to march to a first down at the Brantley 41-yardline, but then saw the Bulldog defense stiffen and backed the Bulldogs up at their own 9-yardline following a 32-yard punt.

Brantley managed to gain only three yards on two running plays, but moved the chains on a third and seven when Derek Caldwell hit Charlie Layton with a 9-yard completion.

An 11-yard penalty backed the Bulldogs back up to the 10-yardline and left Brantley facing a second down and 20. So, the Bulldogs returned to the airways and quickly moved downfield as senior quarterback Derek Caldwell hit on four straight passes for 80 yards to give Brantley a first and goal at the West Jefferson 7-yardline.

The Bulldogs kept the ball in the air after getting down close, but this time the plan backfired as on second down Caldwell's pass into the endzone was intercepted, killing the early Brantley scoring threat.

West Jefferson again unleashed its highly-publicized running attack and drove 46 yards in 10 plays to reach a first down at the Brantley 38-yardline. The Tigers got as close as the 36, but were then knocked back on big defensive plays by Eric Crenshaw, and once again were forced to punt after a long, time-consuming drive.

The Bulldogs put the ball in play at their own 19-yardline with 2:06 left in the half following a West Jefferson punt and changed gears as senior Andrew Kilcrease came in at quarterback.

Two penalties left the Bulldogs facing a second down and 20, way back at the Brantley 9-yardline. However, the Tigers were penalized for pass interference on the second down play, giving the Bulldogs a first down at the 24-yardline.

Kilcrease was knocked out of the game on the next play on a hard hit following an incomplete pass, but Derek Caldwell simply returned to the quarterback position from his wide-receiver post and wasted no time getting the Bulldogs on the scoreboard!

With Brantley facing a second down and 10, Caldwell dropped back to pass, faked a short pass with a pump-fake, and then lofted a pass down the sidelines that hit Jimmy Burnett in full-stride. Burnett turned on the speed at midfield and raced untouched to put Brantley on the board with the 76-yard scoring pass. The extra-point try was blocked, but Brantley had the lead at 6-0 with 1:18 remaining in the half.

The Brantley lead seemed in jeopardy when the Bulldogs lost a fumble on the first play of the second half at the Brantley 27-yardline; however, the Bulldog defense again rose to the challenge and handed the ball back over to the offense at the 25 after key defensive plays by Dramaine James and Eric Crenshaw.

West Jefferson regained possession at its 37-yardline following a Brantley punt, but this time it was

the Tigers that would fumble, as on the first play from scrimmage a bobbled handoff was scooped up by Charlie Layton, who rambled 33 yards for a Bulldog touchdown!

Ivan Christian scored the two-point conversion on a reverse and with 7:48 left in the third quarter Brantley's lead was up to 14-0.

Brantley's Jody Tillis recovered another West Jefferson fumble one play after the ensuing kickoff to give the Bulldogs excellent field-position at the Tigers' 21-yardline, and following a pass interference penalty on first down, Mareo Jones took a pitchout and raced 11 yards into the endzone for the Bulldogs' second touchdown in less than one minute.

The extra-point try sailed wide, but it made little difference to the Bulldogs and their fans as Brantley's lead had ballooned to 20-0 with 6:53 still left in the third stanza.

Brantley had been kicking off away from West Jefferson standout Thomas Banks, but booted the ball to the speedy Banks on the ensuing kick and again got the ball right back as Banks was stripped of the football and the Tigers' third fumble in four plays was recovered by night-grad-er Jonathan Billups, setting Brantley up at the West Jefferson 15-yardline.

Brantley moved to the Tiger 6-yardline on a seven-pass play, as well to Jimmy Burnett, but then lost four yards on a third and one, and on fourth down had to settle for three-points when Austin Cauley booted a 26-yard field-goal to increase the Bulldogs' lead to 23-0 with 4:45 remaining in the wild third quarter.

Brantley began its next possession at its 42-yardline following another Bulldog defensive stand, and once again wasted little time finding its way to paydirt.

Two running plays left the Bulldogs facing a third and six at the Brantley 46-yardline, and on the third down play Mareo Jones took a pitchout, got a key block from team-mate Jody Tillis on the corner, and scampered 54 yards for yet another Brantley TD!

The extra-point try again failed; however, with 1:02 left in the game, it was all over but the shouting as Brantley was in total command with a 29-0 advantage.

West Jefferson put together its best offensive drive of the game midway through the final stanza as the Tigers drove 57 yards to reach the Brantley five-yardline, only to again be turned away empty-handed by the aggressive Brantley defense.

It was obvious that the Tigers had accepted defeat during the drive, as West Jefferson simply used the late possession to get yardage for Thomas Banks, who entered the game as the state's all-time leading rusher.

Brantley regained possession at its five-yardline with 2:25 left on the clock and let everybody in on the fun, as sophomore Fred Upshaw gained six yards on two carries to punch the ball out to the eleven. A penalty moved Brantley back to the six-yardline, but it made little difference to Upshaw, who took a handoff up the middle, pulled away from an attempted arm-tackle and raced 94 yards for the game's final touchdown!

Austin Cauley booted a 30-yard extra-point, after two Brantley penalties, and with :52 left on the clock Brantley had the 36-0 lead and its first state football championship!

Fred Upshaw gained 99 yards on 3 carries to lead the Brantley ground attack, while Mareo Jones added 79 yards on 9 carries.

Derek Caldwell completed 7 of 10 passes, with one interception, for 174 yards and one touchdown, with Jimmy Burnett leading the Bulldog receivers with 95 yards on 4 re-

**STATISTICS**

	B	WJ
1st Downs	10	11
Rushes-Yds.	22-192	46-161
Passing Yds.	174	2
Total Offense	366	163
Turnovers	7-12-1	2-7-1
Fumbles/Lost	2/1	3/3
Punts-Ave.	3-36	3-32
Penalties-Yds.	8-56	4-35



Brantley speedster Ivan Christian (1) finds nothing but running room as he heads for the goal line on a reverse on a two-point conversion to give Brantley a 14-0 third quarter advantage.



Brantley's Mareo Jones (3) turns the corner and eyes the endzone on an 11-yard TD run. Jones scored two touchdowns in the Bulldogs' exciting 36-0 win over West Jefferson in the 1A state championship game.



## These 'Dogs will hunt!

By Ricky Mulara, Sports Editor

Back in 1991 things looked bleak for the Brantley Bulldogs. The football coach had resigned just weeks before the season was to start and former-coach Roland Jones agreed at the last minute to step in and try to help. The '91 Bulldogs struggled to a 4-7 record and got wiped out in the opening round of the 2A playoffs by Reeltown. The loss was complete, but in the loss were signs that better times were ahead, as players from Brantley in the eighth, ninth and tenth grades took the fight to Reeltown for all four quarters and got up every single time they got knocked down.

In 1992 the Bulldogs were a year older and determined to start paying folks back for the rude treatment the year before. Coach Jones was still around, as were most of the players from the year before, and Brantley improved its record to 10-2 and made it to the second round of the 1A playoffs before being upset on the road.

The 1993 Bulldogs were the team that the Brantley football fans had been looking forward to since pee-wee football, and with the addition of the players from the old Dozier High School, the fans were convinced that this team would win big. Boy were they ever right! Brantley breezed through the regular season outscoring their opponents by a combined score of 353-15, and then took care of business in the playoffs, including two big road wins over such powerful teams as defending state champ Billingsley and 1A powerhouse Notasulga.

Brantley won the right to host the state championship game, but the sportswriters in the big cities gave the Bulldogs little chance, especially since their opponent was West Jefferson, the team that beat big, bad Courtland, and boasted the state's all-time leading rusher in Thomas Banks. I heard a fan before the game ask another fan how Brantley planned on stopping Banks and his answer was simple "We'll tackle him."

The Bulldogs did just that, and much more Friday night as they gave their faithful fans plenty to cheer about by winning the state championship in convincing fashion as they pounded West Jefferson 36-0 and kept Thomas Banks contained all night long. Yes, they "tackled him."

The story of the game is featured elsewhere in this week's paper. I want to stop for a minute and look at the real story, the coaches and players that made the state championship possible. One has to start with Coach Roland Jones and his son, Roland "Little Roland" Jones. The elder Coach Jones reluctantly took over the program when it was at its lowest point and slowly built it back using his love for the kids and teaching old fashioned values like pride, hard work and determination. He saw a group of kids that wanted to play football, and sacrificed his time to teach them to the best of his ability, which proved to be the best anyone could have done.

"Little Roland" wasn't a member of the faculty at Brantley and wasn't promised one cent in salary, but he had coached this group of kids since they first pulled on the pads and volunteered to help his Dad when the coaching staff dwindled down to almost no one. He learned with the younger players his first year and as his father gave him more responsibility, his skills as a coach and a motivator began to shine through. As an offensive coordinator, the younger Coach Jones was often second guessed, especially when plays didn't work, but his play calling created real problems for opposing coaches and his total unpredictability was one of the offense's biggest weapons. Another weapon was his enthusiasm and love for the kids, and their love back for him. It was a match made in heaven, and one that brought the Bulldogs to the promised land in high school football.

A lot of things stick out in my mind about Friday night's game, such as the skills of senior Derek Caldwell on both offense and defense and how well he threw the football to loosen up the West Jefferson defense. I also remember Andrew Kilcrease, one of Brantley's six seniors, coming off the field a number of times in tears holding his broken arm after either being hit, or delivering a big hit. He played both ways in spite of the broken arm, and played without reservation. How about Andreu Daniels, a senior lineman, making tackles all over the field and often catching the opposing backs before they could get to the corner? Perhaps the happiest memories for Brantley fans will be the play of junior Charlie Layton picking up a fumble and running it in for a touchdown, or sophomore Marco Jones breaking loose on a 54-yard TD sprint, or sophomore Fred Upshaw racing 94-yards for a TD, or sophomore Derraine James making tackles all over the field, or junior Jimmy Burnett catching a pass and outrunning the defenders for a 76-yard touchdown, or even 8th grader Jonathan Billups recovering a fumble on a kickoff that led to a Bulldog score. The memories go on and on and on.

Another lasting memory is Brantley principal Mrs. Elizabeth Sullivan coming out on the field after the game wearing a state championship t-shirt and waving her arms in excitement. Every team that won a state championship last weekend in all six classes was happy after the game. However, nowhere was the excitement more honest, genuine and deserving than Brantley, Alabama.



Brantley Bulldog coach Roland Jones (facing camera) gives a big victory hug to his son, and assistant coach Roland Jones, Jr., as the final seconds tick off the clock in Friday night's state championship win.



Brantley's Eric Crenshaw (68) displays his "state championship smile" after Friday night's 36-0 win over West Jefferson. Crenshaw made 10 solo tackles as the Bulldog defense registered its 9th shutout of the season.



Brantley fans arrived early and stayed late Friday night to watch the Bulldogs win the state title. This trio of fans has supported the Bulldogs for years and Friday night saw the state title finally come home.



Brantley cheerleaders had a reason to smile Friday night following the big 36-0 state championship win over West Jefferson. The Bulldog cheerleaders helped the Bulldogs to a banner 15-0 season.

Brantley High School principal Elizabeth Sullivan was the first Bulldog fan to wear a "State Championship" t-shirt passed out to the players and coaches after Friday night's big win.

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